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NON-PARTISAN LEAGUE FLAVORED SOCIALISTIC

Arthur Foster of North Dakota Tells
Morrow County Audiences of Danger
in the Offing and of Conditions
in His Home State.

While Arthur Foster of Clyde, North Dakota, was not favored by large audiences in Morrow county, owing to the severe bad weather conditions, still those who were fortunate enough to hear him were given some straight from the shoulder dope on the inner workings of the Non-Partisan League.

Mr. Foster spoke at Lone on Friday afternoon and appeared at the council chambers in Heppner the same evening.

"The Farmers Non-Partisan Political league is not a farmers' organization," declared Mr. Foster. "The farmers furnish the money, but vote as they are told. The organization is strongly flavored with socialism," continued Mr. Foster. "It will take fifty years to repair the damage wrought by this socialistic government in the state of North Dakota."

June 1, of this year is the date set for the entry of the Non-Partisan league in Oregon. Said Mr. Foster, "These people expand in the most secret, insidious manner. They do not visit the towns, nor do they herald their coming with publicity. Highly trained organizers visit the farmers in their own fields or at their homes. In North Dakota they are known as the Non-Partisan league, in Washington they are the Triple Alliance and in Oregon their start was made in the Land and Labor league. Whatever the guise in which they come, give them no money and write them no checks, for money is their power."

Mr. Foster and one other man were the only two farmers in an entire township in North Dakota who refused to come in on the Non-Partisan deal. Mr. Foster moved his family to Oregon in order that his children would not have to attend schools controlled by the league.

League Began in 1915.

The Non-Partisan movement in North Dakota had its beginning in a dissatisfaction among wheat growers because of the dockage charged off by terminal warehouses at St. Paul and Duluth, according to the speaker. This evil was being combated by farmers' organizations which built local elevators when they conceived the idea of having a terminal elevator built by the state of North Dakota. In 1912 a bill passed the legislature calling for such an enterprise, but, because of a constitutional limitation of \$250,000 upon the state debt, no funds could be voted. The Non-Partisan league, organized about 1915, took up this state-owned elevator, together with many other state-owned enterprises, as a part of its platform.

A. C. Townley, czar of this organization, Mr. Foster characterized as a socialist of the first water and a grafter who "makes Get-Rich-Quick Wallingford look like a pair of deuces stacked against a royal flush."

Townley's associates include several socialist and I. W. W. lawyers and one lone farmer, in North Dakota. Only the loyalty of the state senate in 1917 prevented the passage of a Non-Partisan-inspired act, known as House Bill 44. Mr. Foster said, "This act virtually enacted a new state constitution, one provision of which would allow the state or any subdivision thereof, county, town, township, school district or precinct, to go in debt or bond itself in any amount. All it needed to do was give a first mortgage on the public utility erected and the state would guarantee the bonds so issued."

Senate Saved State in 1917.

"If half of the senate had not held over for two more years, thus leaving the Non-Partisans there in a minority, that act would have gone through in 1917," Mr. Foster declared.

When Congressman Helgesen, of North Dakota, died suddenly in 1917, a special election was called by Governor Lynn Frazier, a Non-Partisan, to choose his successor. Both old line parties, Mr. Foster said, put up the finest men in their district, yet John Baer, a cartoonist on one of the organization's 53 newspapers, was returned to congress with a larger vote than the other two candidates combined. "And yet in 1917, Baer declared that 'Americanism is not an issue in this campaign,'" Mr. Foster declared.

Leaders Are Disloyal.

"The leaders of this outfit are not notoriously disloyal," the speaker said. "Townley called the recent war a rich man's war and at Grand Forks they made him eat his words. Others of their ilk have been convicted of disloyalty but were not punished because the governor, three justices of the state supreme court and most of the other officials belong to his party."

Farmers who have joined the league are not, like the leaders, disloyal, Mr. Foster explained. He showed by numerous examples that the farmers had little to say in the operation of affairs, for, while they constitute the bulk of the membership, they have little representation. The party has elected three congressmen and one senator since getting into power, yet

of these three were lawyers and the other the newspaper cartoonist who had lived in the state 13 months and was not even a taxpayer.

The five leaders of the Non-Partisan league in North Dakota paid, in the aggregate, \$3.75 in taxes in 1918 and 1919, he showed that his state taxes were 351 per cent higher for the latter year, with no roads, public buildings, or other improvements to show for the increase. Other taxes showed as much as a 60 per cent increase.

Fordson Plowing Demonstration This Week

Watch the soil turn over. Chas. H. Latourell is demonstrating the powers of the Fordson tractor all this week at the N. F. Lawson place in the lower end of town. Mr. Lawson has considerable hill land as well as bottom land, and it's all the same to the Fordson. The demonstration should prove of especial interest to farmers who are contemplating the addition of a tractor to their farm equipment.

Heppner High Takes First Game From Lexington

The Heppner high school baseball team won their first game of the season last Saturday when they went to Lexington and trounced the wheat city boys to the tune of 15 to 2. Hill in the box for Lexington fanned the visitors in one-two-three style during the first few innings of the game. He has a bright future for developing into a first class pitcher. Heppner and Lexington will clash again in this city tomorrow, Friday. Saturday at Lone the locals meet the Egg City team.

Bishop M. S. Hughes Dies In Cleveland

Bishop M. S. Hughes, bishop of the Methodist Episcopal diocese of Oregon, died last Sunday in Cleveland, Ohio from pneumonia. Bishop Hughes was well known and beloved throughout Oregon and had always been an active and earnest church worker. Since last October he had been on a lecture tour. A widow and three children survive. The funeral was held in Portland.

TEACHERS GET MINIMUM SALARIES OF \$1200

Parent-Teachers Association Provides Playground Equipment For Pupils—Additional Facilities Will Be Needed in Near Future.

Teachers in the Heppner schools next year will receive a minimum salary of \$1200 per year. This was announced to the members of the Parent-Teachers Association at their recent meeting by Mrs. Ida B. Woodson, who announced that the school board had made that decision.

Mrs. Woodson spoke of needs for greater educational facilities in the near future on account of the rapid growth of student enrollment and clearly defined the needs of an additional building in the not distant future. In referring to the playground for children, Mrs. Woodson announced that Mr. Morrow had offered his alfalfa field, which joins the school property on the southwest, to the district for \$2000.

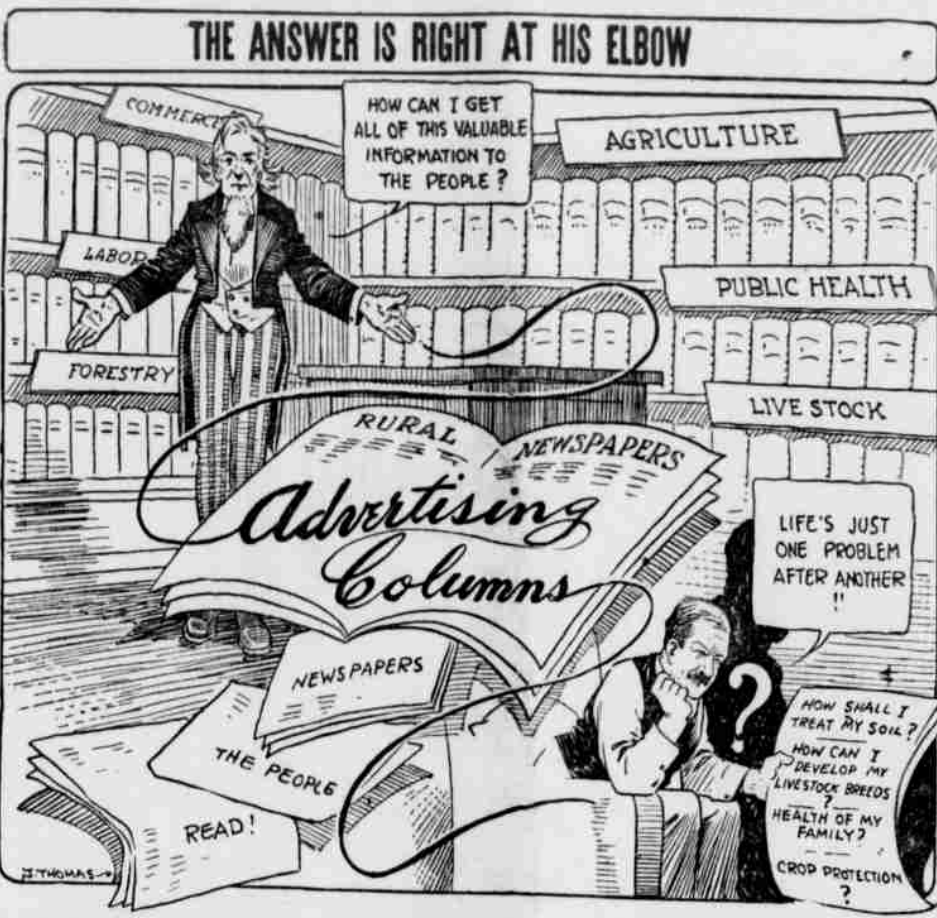
The playground committee, composed of Misses Melba Griffiths, Martina H. Thiele and Kathryn Freese made their report, showing that they had raised the sum of \$186.55 thru solicitation and had ordered a Giant Slide costing \$80. They also reported that the cost of concrete slides would be \$50. It was the sentiment of the association that the playground committee proceed at their own pleasure and use the remainder of the money as they may think best. The association passed a vote of thanks to the committee for their splendid work.

C. E. Woodson spoke of the educational measures which will be voted on at the May primaries, explained them and pointed out the need for more money in carrying on educational work in the state.

An amendment to the constitution of the association was passed which changed the day of meeting from the fourth Friday each month to the second Tuesday of each month and the date of annual meeting to May 4. It was also voted to raise the annual dues from 50 cents per year to \$1.00 per year after the annual meeting.

Mrs. Ada M. Ayers, representing the Civic Club, told the Patron-Teachers Association of the work which the club is undertaking for civic improvement and asked the cooperation of the association in keeping streets and sidewalks neat and clean. Mrs. Ayers also urged that the members of the association use their influence to stop the throwing of paper and other rubbish in the hallways of public buildings.

Following Mrs. Ayers' remarks, the association voted to cooperate with the Civic Club in carrying on its work and appointed a committee of Mrs. M. D. Clark, Miss Belle State and Mrs. E. R. Huston to act with the Sanitation Committee of the Civic Club.



JOHN DAY DIRECTORS MET HERE TUESDAY

Engineer Will Be Employed Just as Soon as Finances Are Available—John Day Picnic Will Be Held In May.

The directors of the John Day Irrigation district held a profitable meeting in this city on Tuesday with President C. C. Clark, Eddie Reitmann, M. D. Clark, directors; and secretary F. R. Brown all present.

The directors plan to engage the services of a competent engineer just as soon as the finances of the district are put in a more liquid form. At the present time the district is issuing warrants but there will be no money available until next year when tax money will be provided in the budget. In the meantime it is a proposition of the district finding someone who is in a position to cash the warrants. Until this phase of the situation is solved, all plans of the district are held in abeyance.

Portland business men, who have been enthusiastic over the project from the beginning have again assured the directors of their desire to cooperate and the directors feel greatly encouraged. President Clark recently met with Congressman Sinnott in Portland and together they went over the plans of the project. Mr. Sinnott advised that the directors act as rapidly as possible in order

County Agent On Program of State Cattle Association

County agent L. A. Hunt of Morrow county has been assigned to a prominent part on the program of the Oregon State Horse & Cattle Growers' convention which will be held at Burns, Harney county on May 24-25. Prominent men in the Oregon livestock world will be in attendance and men of authority on the stock growing business will speak.

Duvall Making Record With Big Tractor—Plows 1700 A.

Plowing 1700 acres by tractor with out one cent expenditure for repairs is the record just made by Harry Duvall, prominent wheat farmer of the artemesia well belt. Mr. Duvall began plowing with his tractor the day after it was unloaded at the depot and has been putting in steady time since. When harvest time comes, Mr. Duvall will use the tractor in pulling his big Harris combine. Horses on the Duvall ranch are not worked hard in these days.

AMERICAN LEGION POST TO BE ORGANIZED HERE

Former Service Men Met Sunday and Took Steps to Apply for Charter—17 Men Sign Application.

A large number of former service men of Morrow county met at the city council chambers in the Roberts building last Sunday afternoon and started preliminary action for the establishment of a post of the American Legion in Heppner.

The constitution and by-laws of the national organization was read by R. E. Crego, who is acting secretary until the charter is granted and the organization completed.

Those who have signed application for charter membership in the local post are Marshall Phelps, Lester Doolittle, Glen Jones, Clarence Bauman, Clarence Hesselme, Glenn McFerrin, Walter Hayes, Ray Rogers, Harold Cohn, Henry Cohn, Harvey Bauman, Bert Gurdane, Stephen Irwin, Cecil Lieualten, Harry Hurley, R. E. Crego, Spencer Crawford, F. R. Greenblatt, Walter E. Moore, Paul M. Gemmell, Arthur Henry Smith, Albert LeRoy Stamp, Elmer Lee Matsson, Loren Mikesell, Vane E. Jones, Earl E. Gilliam, G. W. Corbett, John B. Calmus, W. W. Ewing, Lynn Hale, Chester Austin, Royal Wakefield and James Edgar Copenhaver.

Martin Reid Will Build Apartment House Soon

Martin Reid, local lumber dealer, has decided to add his bit toward relieving the housing situation in Heppner, and has started work on an apartment house which will be located on Church street just to the rear of his own residence. The new building will contain four apartments and will be modern in every respect. Mr. Reid expects to rush the work at all possible speed and have the new structure ready for occupancy at an early date.

Brunswick Auto Tire Enters the Local Field

A new tire has entered the local automobile world. It is made by the Brunswick-Balke-Collerander Company, the pioneer manufacturers of billiard and pool tables and like equipment. While it is not a new tire by any manner of means, it is a new tire to this territory. The local representatives of the Brunswick tire are Hill & Johns of the Universal Garage. The Brunswick-Balke-Collerander Company have instituted one of the largest advertising campaigns ever carried on throughout the nation. The first of a series of these advertisements appears in The Gazette-Times this week.

Battery Electric Service Station In New Location

The Battery Electric Service Station is now located in its new quarters in the Ashbaugh building at the corner of Main and Center streets. J. W. Fritsch, the owner, is rapidly getting things in place and will have both a well equipped office and work shop. Alterations have been made which permits an entrance into the office from Main street without going through the shop. Mr. Fritsch has enjoyed an ever growing patronage since coming to Heppner from Pendleton several months ago and in his new home will have increased facilities for giving service to the trade.

Mrs. Jeff Jones Is Hostess to Members of C. W. B. M.

Thirty five members of the Christian Women's Board of Missions met on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Jeff Jones on Gale street. The subject of the regular weekly meeting was "The Healing of the Philippines." The subject of Bible study was "The Ten Lepers." Special music by Mrs. Frank Turner was greatly enjoyed. At the close of the program light refreshments were served.

Former Heppner Woman Candidate in Deschutes

Mrs. Gertrude Whiteis, for several years a teacher in the Heppner high school and at present principal of the schools at Terrebonne, is a candidate for county school superintendent of Deschutes county. The following resolutions endorsing Mrs. Whiteis have been passed by the Parent-Teachers Association of Terrebonne:

"Believing that our principal, Mrs. Gertrude Whiteis, is especially qualified for the office of county superintendent of schools, and believing it to be the best interests of the schools of Deschutes county that she be elected to that office.

"Be it resolved, that we, the Parent-Teachers Association of Terrebonne, Oregon, heartily recommend her to the voters of said county, and pledge ourselves to give her our undivided support. We believe this office should be non-partisan and solicit the vote of all who are interested in the advancement of our schools, regardless of party affiliations.

Mrs. Whiteis has a host of friends in Heppner who will wish for her the best of success in achieving the office of county superintendent of Deschutes county. Knowing her as we do, of her capabilities in an educational way, and of the record she made while connected with the Heppner schools, we cannot recommend her too highly to the voters of Deschutes county. Deschutes county will indeed be fortunate if they are able to secure the services of Mrs. Whiteis in this capacity.

MORE CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS FOR LEXINGTON

Steps to Be Taken to Prevent Damage to Streets by Water in the Future—New Buildings in Contemplation.

The city dads of Lexington have determined on a policy that they believe will in the future prevent damage to their streets and other property of the town when the freshets come down Willow creek and Blackhorse. They are preparing to do some diking on the upper edge of the city that will confine the water in Willow creek to its proper channel, and in like manner similar work will be done at the mouth of the Blackhorse canyon, where it enters the city limits. They expect this work to be sufficient to overcome the difficulties of the past. Work on the improvements begun on the streets last season is to be continued, and the street running to the bridge that crosses Willow creek in the south-east part of town is to be filled in and raised to the level of the bridge. This improvement will be valuable, and will prevent that street and the one intersecting below from overflowing when high water time comes, and will also enable the property owners to fix up their lawns and beautify their premises without the fear that a little later all their work will be covered up with mud and sediment.

E. Nordyke, who recently disposed of the extensive Penland holdings in which he was interested, to Fred Lucas, is figuring on putting a bunch of the money thus acquired back into property in Lexington. He is now completing his plans for the erection of a large garage on his lot across the street from the Broadway blacksmith shop. The building will be entirely of concrete construction and large enough to accommodate the needs of that section for many years to come. Mr. Nordyke is also figuring on the erection of a large residence on his lot on the hill, which, he states would be so fitted up that it would furnish accommodations for a number of roomers who would desire to do light housekeeping—something on the apartment house order. Mr. Nordyke should certainly have the encouragement of his neighbors at Lexington in these proposed improvements.

The members of the Christian church have been making some very necessary and handy improvements to their parsonage property. The interior arrangement has been changed, new paper applied, a garage and woodshed constructed and a sleeping porch added to the residence. New paint will now be applied to the entire structure and in all about \$1000 spent in improvements. The church building is to be tackled next, and these people hope that by fall completion improvement to this building will have been completed. The building is to be considerably enlarged and many needed repairs are

CLEAN-UP WEEK BEGINS MONDAY, APRIL 19TH

Town Fathers Will Give Free Truck Service in Hauling Rubbish—Ordinance 207 Is Read For First Time—Bills Allowed.

The week beginning Monday, April 19, has been designated by the city council as clean-up week in Heppner. Residents are urged to get all rubbish gathered together and during that week the city truck will drive around and haul it off free of charge. The sanitation committee from the Civic Club and Patron-Teachers association is cooperating with the city to make the annual clean-up week a big success.

At the adjourned meeting of the council on Wednesday evening with acting mayor Sweek presiding, the new ordinance No. 207 was read for the first time by Recorder Hughes. It is entitled: "An ordinance to license persons, firms or corporations selling goods, wares or merchandise or other commodities upon the public streets or places within the corporate limits of the city of Heppner, unless such persons, firms or corporations are permanently located within a building, and prohibiting such persons, firms, or corporations so licensed from remaining upon any one block in said city for a longer period than 30 minutes in any two succeeding hours, and providing a penalty for the violation thereof."

Bills against the city were audited, allowed and warrants ordered drawn in their various amounts. The city is proceeding with its program of laying concrete walks along certain properties on upper Main street. The owners of these properties have been notified and where refusal is made to re-imburse the city, a lien is taken by the city against the property. Many of the property owners do not reside in Heppner.

Colonel Boon was up to Lexington Wednesday from his turkey farm down the creek. The colonel is raising his usual number of turkeys this season and the new birds are now coming forth to battle with the realities of life and prepare themselves for the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons. Mr. Boon suffered the loss of his turkey crop last year, owing to the fact that the consignments to whom he made his consignments down Portland way failed to make good and going into bankruptcy. He is not discouraged by this, however, and will profit by the experience.

Eldrid Corson, son of "Billy" Corson, head clerk with Jos. Burgoyne, spent the Easter vacation visiting with his folks in Morrow county. He is a student at Washington U, Seattle and returned to his studies on Sunday last.

Two cars of last season's wheat were loaded out from the Burgoyne warehouse the first of the week. But little grain remains in the Lexington warehouses for shipment.

The Leach & Scott warehouse is distributing a lot of fine seed barley among the farmers of their section, which would indicate that a portion of the re-seeding at least will be to barley.

Easter Observed By Church of Christ at Lexington

On Easter Sunday an all day meeting and basket dinner was held by the members of the Church of Christ at Lexington. The morning services began at 10 o'clock with Bible school, followed by Communion and then the Easter sermon by the pastor, William C. Worstell. During this service the following musical numbers were rendered:

- Prelude
- Cornet, marimba and piano by Mr. Raymond White, Miss Leona Leach and Mrs. Worstell
- Duet
- Mrs. W. L. Holmes and Miss Donna Barnett
- Quartet
- Mrs. Holmes, Miss Barnett and Messrs. George Peck and W. O. Hill
- Anthems by the choir
- A basket dinner featured the noon hour. The afternoon program given by the Sunday school was as follows: Piano solo ----- Vera Stubblefield Song ----- Junior choir Recitation ----- Bobbie Holmes Prayer
- Piano solo ----- Claudia McMillan Recitation ----- Gwendolyn Evans Recitation ----- Vester Lane Duet
- Luella Cummings and Mary Thompson
- Reading ----- George Tucker Recitation ----- Mary Slocum Song by classes 4 and 5 Recitation ----- Bertha Tucker Solo ----- Claudia McMillan Reading ----- Vera Stubblefield Motion song ----- Six girls accompanied by Eula McMillan
- Talk by the Rev. John Miller Song Benediction.
- The evening service opened with a prelude by Mrs. William Worstell. Praise Him ----- Choir

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